

LOG OF TOUR OF UNITED KINGDOM

By PO Edgar Wilson

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8th—Up at 0600, but no P.T. We spent all morning cleaning ship for entering harbor. At 11:15 we cleaned into No. 2's and fell in on the flight deck. "Irish" Connor has been bragging and taking pictures all morning, thinking that the land off to Starboard was Ireland, that to Port, Scotland. At noon he found out he had been sighing over the South bank of the Clyde. After mooring at Greenock, Secure was piped, and we went below to our mess. Mr. H. T. Bishop, General Secretary of the Navy League, came aboard to welcome us. After we were cleared by customs, we went ashore, landing at Helensborough, across the Firth from Greenock. We boarded a bus for Rosyth Dockyards, near Edinburgh, going by way of Loch Lomond and Loch Long, where we stopped for "High Tea". Speeding along on "the wrong side" of the road, we involuntarily ducked each time we passed "Lorries" or other buses. On the way we hit a Jerry P.O.W. who was riding a bike. Here our first-aid came in handy. We waited till the ambulance and police arrived, then continued, arriving at HMS Cochrane, Rosyth, about 2030. We talked to English cadets, mostly from London, till Pipe Down, then drew micks and turned in. (Cochrane, a depot ship, is used by Sea Cadets in much the same manner as we go to camp each summer.)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9th—This morning we were inspected by the Admiral of the Dockyard. At 1015 we left by drifter for Edinburgh, landing at Queensferry, at the South end of the Firth of Forth bridge, and taking a bus the rest of the way. We went first to the City Chambers, where we were given a Civic Reception. Each of us was presented with a lapel pin. We then went to St. Giles' (Church of England) where the ensign of HMS Warspite was hung at the beginning of the war. Next came Edinburgh Castle, where we saw the Scottish National War Memorial (reputed to be the world's finest) Queen Mary's room, and the birthplace of James VI. We toured the National Art Gallery, and the Princes Street Gardens, then went to lunch at the Overseas League. I stood in the "Heart of Midlothian". This is a heart set in the sidewalk in Parliament Square, at the approximate centre of the county of Midlothian. Standing in it is supposed to bring good luck. In the afternoon we visited the home of the King and Queen when they are in Scotland, Holyrood Castle. After tea we were granted liberty till 1800. We then returned by bus to Queensferry and boarded the drifter for Rosyth Dockyard. The draft of London Cadets started for home and another bunch, from the Midlands this time, came aboard. Great Britain set her clocks back one hour from British Summer Time to Double Summer Time. We have lost an hour's sleep every night since we left "Slackers" through setting clocks back.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10th—Got up early this morning, to have a look around. I wandered through the almost deserted yard, and was amazed at the huge size of Rodney, Formidable and Swiftsure, entirely out of water, in some of the huge drydocks. It took

a long time to walk around them, and I was late for breakfast when I went back aboard Cochrane. Implacable was alongside one of the Jettys to get fitted with new screws. How she would dwarf Warrior, if the two were alongside each other! There are many ships out in the stream, stretching as far as you can see.

At 0930 we started for Edinburgh, where we boarded the "Flying Scotsman" crack ~~line~~ express. We pulled out at 1115, and arrived at King's Cross station, London, at 2030. We crossed London by bus to Waterloo Station, and boarded an electric train for Portsmouth. We arrived at Portsmouth at 2330, and took a drifter from HMS Vernon pier to HMS Ramilles. After a cup of Kie we were issued 'micks (already slung for us by the English cadets) and turned in. Ramilles, a battleship, and Royalist, a cruiser, are moored alongside, and used as a single ship for the training of Royal Marines, Reservists, and Sea Cadets. We live in a forecattle mess in Royalist.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11th—"Heave out, heave out, lash and stow"—at 0615 in the morning we went aboard HMS Hornet, M.T.B. base. We were welcomed by the Captain, taken for an inspection tour of the base, shown through light and heavy M.T.B.s, German E boats, and Hydrophobes (These are extremely fast boats fitted with rails slung underneath, by which the Jerrys hoped to skip over harbor nets. We then went out in the Solent in HM M.T.B.s 2016 and 2012 for about an hour. In the afternoon we toured Nelson's "Victory" and were inspected by the Admiral Superintendent of the Dockyard, Vice Admiral L. V. Morgan.

We proceeded on Liberty till 2145.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12th—In the morning we toured HMS Cleopatra (light cruiser). In the afternoon we visited HMS Dolphin, submarine base. We were shown a movie, then taken through HMS Telemachus, T class sub. After leaving Dolphin we marched to dinner with the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, at 1630. Then we had liberty till 2145.

Some of the HM ships we have seen in Portsmouth harbor and the Solent are: Indefatigable. Illustrious, Queen Elizabeth, Malaya, Duke of York, Diadem, Victorious, and many others in drydock, besides dozens of destroyers of the Reserve Fleet moored in a long pattern in the centre of the vast harbor.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13th—We went aboard HMS Zephyr (Z class Destroyer) at 0830. We had to stand by in harbor till HMS Duke of York and her escort cleared the channel and tied up, then we proceeded to sea, firing practise torpedoes, recovering them, and returning at 1430. In the afternoon we had a Make and Mend. At night we went ashore and marched to King's Theatre, where we saw "The Student Prince". We were back aboard at 2315.

DID YOU KNOW?

- That the new British Destroyers have four, 4.5 or 4" guns and all are situated on the foc'sle. It is generally agreed that British ships do not need stern guns so the reason for this move is apparent to us all.
- That Great Britain entered the war of 1914-1918 with over 60 capital ships, and entered the last war with 15 capital ships, meaning battle-wagons and battle cruisers.
- The only people in the British Commonwealth allowed to toast the King sitting down are the Navy.

SWIMMING COMPETITION

You will shortly receive full details of a beautiful trophy being presented by Lt. C. M. Mutch, D.S.C., for annual competition among all Navy League Sea Cadet Corps. It provides for competition between Corps rather than individuals. The award is based on the ability of all Sea Cadets within a Corps to meet certain swimming requirements.

A GOOD MOTTO FOR ALL OF US

I shall pass through this world but once—any goodness therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show any human being let me do it.

Let me not defer or neglect it for I shall not pass this way again.

BRASS BAND

Last September we had a roll of 18 men. Now we number about 50. Under the patient guidance of Mid. McDill, who by the way is now a Sub. Lt. and our Bandmaster Lt. Doe, we have accomplished a great deal. People who did not know one end of an instrument from another are now playing in the band. Bandsman Ross has picked up a hook and your reporter also has another. Nicholson, the younger, received a new trumpet this month and also had his hair cut. Several of the boys have new clarinets; in all I think there are eight of them. The Band wishes to thank Mr. R. Cramp who has dropped in occasionally to help us out. In closing I would like to add that the Band has been asked to do its usual chore in the forthcoming Sea Cadet Show. Hard work and plugging will be needed to accomplish this end. Here's hoping, but then, of course, a bandsman can always be relied upon so we do not need to worry over our part of the show.

Reporter—PO Bill Goodrick

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CONGRATULATIONS TO



Lt. J. Meder

Sub. Lt. J. Wood

... for their excellent efforts in the training of a number of Sea Cadets in the recent water saving examinations, all of whom qualified with a very high standing.

Hunt Memorial Trophy Results, January

The first cycle of the 1948 competition has now been run off, and the following excellent results obtained:

Wilson, E., CPO	92
Rice, R., LS	88
Clark, C., PO	88
Carr, R., PO	85
Walton, H., PO	82
Olien, T., LS	80
Ross, D., LS	79
Qualtrough, W., CGM	74
Brewer, N., PO	67
Baird, C., AB	46
Olien, K., PO	45

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"B" SHIP'S COMPANY

The recent combination of No. 1 and 2 Ship's Companies to form "A" Company, and the formation of "B" Company out of No. 3 has caused considerable change in our organization, although not near the amount that "A" underwent.

Here is the set-up as it now stands:

Lt. Wilson, Skipper of No. 3, is now 1st Lt. of the Corps.

Sub. Lt. McLaughlin, our No. 1, is now Officer Commanding "B" Company.

Divisional Officers and Petty Officers are as follows:

Central—Sub. Lt. Lee, PO Olien; Fo'c'sle—Sub. Lt. Dancer, PO Crossley; Foretop—Sub. Lt. Boychuk, PO Clark; Maintop—Sub. Lt. Rose, PO Ferens; Quarterdeck—Sub. Lt. Wood, PO Castle.

Sub. Lt. Davidson is in charge of Tender Division.

Sub. Lt. Darlington is now Range officer.

We lost a couple of killicks recently. LS Finch left just before Christmas, and LS Robertson, having passed the age limit of 18 years, left the first parade of the new year to join the senior branch of Sea Cadets—the RCN(R).

One hand has been rated Leading Seaman as a result of the recent Instructors Class, LS Inouye. The Petty Officers mentioned above also received their promotions through this course.

Last issue I really stuck my neck out when I said all those things about Sub. Lt. Rose's pride and joy. It seems that after all the slinging of the lead about his "son" being a future recruit, we got "seen around the bend", and, unless we have Wrenettes again, we're out of luck. Miss Rose is not going to have anything to do with matelots or the Navy, according to her father. He accepted my apology, but I'm still a little wary of him when there's a serving mallet within his reach.

There are still some of No. 3 Ship's Company crests available. "But," you say, "we're B company now". Well, after considerable research and experiment, I can now report that the three on the crest can very easily be changed to a B by the addition of a single stroke. You hands who already have crests can try it if you like, with a piece of black felt, or India ink. Personally, I'll leave mine the way it is. I'm kind of proud of that three. See Sub. Lt. Rose if you want a crest.

Reporter—CPO E. Wilson.



Front Row, left to right: G. Rushworth, T. Wilson, J. Hanel, F. Osipoff, Tom Ferens, S. Kozak.
Rear Row, left to right: Sub. Lt. J. Wood, I. Norquay, R. Smith, Ted Ferens, M. LeBlanc, Lt. Commander T. Baird, R. Carr, J. Conway, M. McCallum, Lt. J. Meder.

Mr. G. R. Hayden, Assistant to Chairman of the Winnipeg Sea Cadet Corps advises that the above class of Sea Cadets who have been given instruction in water saving by Lts. J. Meder and J. Wood of "John Travers Cornwell, V.C." were successful in passing their examinations and certificates were presented to them at a recent parade held at HMCS "Chippawa".

Mr. LeBlanc representative of the Canadian Red Cross Society spoke briefly on the excellence of the instruction given by Lts. Meder and Wood. It has been decided to organize a further class of Sea Cadets to receive similar instruction during the next eight weeks.

NAVY LEAGUE SUPPORTERS

We propose including in future issues of the "SEA CADET" names of the firms or people who have assisted us in our work during 1947.

All names will be taken at random from our general list:

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Mr. G. M. Hair, K.C., Winnipeg.
R.C.A. Victor, Winnipeg.

"A" SHIP'S COMPANY

Well, its time to "chew the rag" once more again. This time we'll start off with a general listing of "A" Ships Company's Officers and POs. Gaze over this list carefully fellows, because these are your bosses while you are in the corps.

Company Commander—Lt. J. Walker; Central Division—Sub. Lt. Adey, PO Walton; Forecastle Division—Sub. Lt. Payne, PO R. Hughes; Foretop Division—Sub. Lt. Matheson, PO S. Johnston; Maintop Division—Sub. Lt. Otty, PO D. Brewer; Quarterdeck division—Sub. Lt. Ball, PO Carr.

Lt. Meder and Sub. Lt. Davidson are in charge of the recruits.

You should all know that Lt. W. Wilson is the first Lt. and Lt. Hodge is the X.O., with Lt. Commander Baird our well beloved (?) Skipper.

Now that all the individual ships have amalgamated into one ship we will be able to brush up on all the little points of proper dressing. If you see someone peering around at you, I advise you to watch out. The chances are that its the Chief Gunners Mate Bill Qualtrough. He's tough, and I'm not kidding.

Sometime this May the Sea Cadets of Winnipeg will be presenting their annual show. Think about this event because you—and you—and you will form the nucleus of the show. In the singing line, however, we can always fall back on our Chief. He is a great opera singer. Did anybody see his red hair and smiling face away back in the chorus of Daniel Mac's Opera? It seems hard to think of the voice that screams at "A" Company as one that "tralas" with beautiful tone.

Here is a "hot" bit of news about a certain DO of the company. The other night as I sat in a local restaurant who sat in the net booth with a charming young lady but Sub. Lt.—hey, what am I saying? I have visions of sweeping the deck with a whisk, under this certain officer's watchful eye if I reveal his name. Here's a hint, his last name begins with B. Quick! Hide the brooms, hurry!

PO D. Brewer deserves congratulations for the high mark he gained in the POs exam. Yours truly wrote this exam, too and believe me it was a hard one. PO Brewer got 139% out of a possible 150.

One of No. 2's best officers left the Corps for business reasons just when the new system came into operation. Lt. Ken Kelpin, a star hockey player as well as a star officer has handed in his gear. We all regret his inability to attend any more, but wish him all possible success in his business career.

With this final period at the end of this sentence I'll close till next month.

Reporter—LS R. A. Rice.

SEA CADET SHOW

The annual Sea Cadet Show is to be presented at the Winnipeg Auditorium, on Monday, May 3rd.

All Cadets who wish to participate give YOUR NAME to your Division Officer.